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PATENT

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In re Application of:  
Conrad

Serial No.: 09/854,412

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: HIGH EFFICIENCY mRNA ISOLATION  
METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Katcheves, Konstantina

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

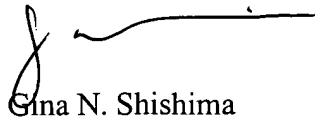
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant requests an extension of time of one month to and including May 30, 2003 in which to file their response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the extension fee is \$55.00. A check is enclosed. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/AMBI:073US.

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